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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MASERU NIACT IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 1775

FOR AMBASSADORS FROM ASST SECY SCHAUFLE

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SCHAUFLE, WILLIAM E.)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ASSIST SECY SCHAUFLE

REF: (A) STATE 170009, (B) MAPUTO 765, (C) KINSHASA 5793

1. IF VISIT TO MAPUTO WORKS OUT, AND THIS CANNOT BE CONFIRMED BEFORE JULY 11, IT IS CLEARLY GOING TO BE MOST UNCERTAIN THAT I CAN ARRIVE IN LUBUMBASHI EARLY ON JULY 12 FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU. OPTIONS FOR ONWARD TRAVEL TO LUBUMBASHI FROM MAPUTO APPEAR TO BE AS FOLLOWS: A) DATT PRETORIA AIRCRAFT, B) AIRCRAFT CHARTERED BY EMBASSY MAPUTO, OR C) CHARTERED JET OUT OF LESOTHO. AT THIS POINT IT APPEARS THAT AIRCRAFT CHARTERED BY EMBASSY MAPUTO IS MOST CERTAIN OF OPTIONS. IT SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT I COULD SEE MACHEL AND THEN DEPART MAPUTO ANY EARLIER THAN 11:00 A.M. JULY 12. FIGURING FIVE HOURS AND FORTY FIVE MINUTES TO LUSAKA AND ANOTHER HOUR BY DATT PRETORIA AIRCRAFT TO LUBUMBASHI, IT IS CLEAR I COULD NOT BE ABLE TO SEE MOBUTU BEFORE 7:00 P.M. AT EARLIEST.

2. FOR MAPUTO: IF I GO TO MAPUTO IT WILL PROBABLY BE AT
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HIM AND MACHEL. CONCEIVABLY HE COULD ALSO MAKE PITCH FOR LANDING AND OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION FOR DATT AIRCRAFT. IN ANY CASE I HAVE NO HESITANCY IN SEEKING SUCH PERMISSION IF WE KNOW THAT I AM DEFINITELY GOING TO MAPUTO. I AGREE THERE SHOULD BE NO CONTINGENCY REQUEST.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY KINSHASA CONFIRM THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU COULD RECEIVE ME EVENING OF JULY 12. EMBASSY PRETORIA AND MASERU: INVESTIGATE AND ADVISE ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF CHARTERING JET FOR MAPUTO TO LUSAKA PORTION OF TRIP. EMBASSY MAPUTO SHOULD MAINTAIN RESERVATIONS FOR CHARTERED AIRCRAFT.
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